

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An infusion preparation comprising about ~~0.01 mg to about 20 mg~~ 0.1 mg to about 10 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof per mL and about ~~1 to 5~~ 1.2 to about 3.5 equivalents of a basic metal ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof, wherein said infusion preparation comprises at least ~~one~~ selected from a metal salt of phosphoric acid, a metal salt of carbonic acid, a metal salt of sulfurous acid, a metal salt of organic sulfonic acid and a metal salt of organic C2-6 carboxylic acid, and optionally further comprises a metal hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic metal ion; and has a pH of about 5.0 to about 9.0.

2.-4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended): The infusion preparation according to claim 1, which comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, ~~sodium carbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium sulfite, sodium hydrogen sulfite,~~ tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, and potassium dihydrogen phosphate, ~~potassium carbonate, potassium~~

~~hydrogen carbonate, potassium sulfite and potassium hydrogen sulfite~~, and optionally further comprises sodium hydroxide and/or potassium hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic metal ion.

6. (currently amended): The infusion preparation according to claim 1, which comprises sodium hydroxide and/or potassium hydroxide, and further comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, ~~sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium hydrogen sulfite~~, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, ~~potassium hydrogen carbonate and potassium hydrogen sulfite~~, as sources of the basic metal ion.

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): The infusion preparation according to claim 1, wherein it is contained in~~A container for infusion which is filled with the infusion preparation of claim 8 at~~ about 50 mL, about 100 mL, about 200 mL, about 250 mL, about 500 mL or about 1,000 mL quantities per one unit.

10. (currently amended): The infusion preparation according to claim 1, wherein the basic metal ion is a basic sodium ion~~which comprises about 1 to about 5 equivalents of the basic~~

~~sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof; comprises at least one selected from a sodium salt of phosphoric acid and a sodium salt of carbonic acid, and optionally further comprises sodium hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic sodium ion; and has a pH of about 5.0 to about 9.0.~~

11. (currently amended): The infusion preparation according to claim ~~40~~1, which further comprises 0.9% (w/v) sodium chloride.

12. (original): The infusion preparation according to claim 1, wherein the salt of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid is a sodium salt or a basic natural amino acid salt.

13. (canceled).

14. (withdrawn): A process for producing an infusion preparation comprising (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof and a basic metal ion, which comprises dissolving (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof, one or at least two selected from a metal salt of phosphoric acid, a metal salt of carbonic acid, a metal salt of sulfurous acid, a metal salt of organic sulfonic acid and a metal salt of C2-6 organic acid, and optionally metal hydroxide in an aqueous medium to thereby prepare a solution comprising about 2.5 to about 100 mg/mL of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof and having a pH of about 8.4 to about 9.0; diluting the prepared solution with one or at least two selected from (i) electrolytes, (ii) saccharides, (iii) vitamins and (iv)

protein amino acids to thereby adjust the concentration of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof in the solution to about 0.1 to about 20 mg/mL; and filling a container for infusion with the diluted solution.

15. (withdrawn): A method for preventing and/or treating neurodegenerative diseases, nerve disorders or diseases in need of nerve regeneration, which comprises administering an effective amount of the infusion preparation according to claim 1 to a mammal.

16. (canceled).

17. (new): An infusion preparation comprising about 0.1 mg to about 10 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid per mL and about 1.2 to about 3.5 equivalents of a basic metal ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid, wherein said infusion preparation comprises at least a metal salt of phosphoric acid and optionally further comprises a metal hydroxide, as a source(s) of basic metal ion; and has a pH of about 5.0 to about 9.0.

18. (new): An infusion preparation comprising about 0.1 mg to about 10 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid per mL and about 1.2 to about 3.5 equivalents of a basic sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid, wherein said infusion preparation comprises at least a sodium salt of phosphoric acid and optionally further comprises a sodium hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic sodium ion; and has a pH of about 5.0 to about 9.0.

19. (new): An infusion preparation comprising about 0.1 mg to about 10 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid per mL and about 1.2 to about 3.5 equivalents of a basic sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid, wherein said infusion preparation comprises at least trisodium phosphate or disodium hydrogen phosphate, and optionally further comprises a sodium hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic sodium ion; and has a pH of about 5.0 to about 9.0.

20. (new): An infusion preparation comprising about 0.1 mg to about 10 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid per mL and about 2.6 equivalents of a basic sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid, wherein said infusion preparation comprises at least trisodium phosphate or disodium hydrogen phosphate, and optionally further comprises a sodium hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic sodium ion; and has a pH of about 5.0 to about 9.0.